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1. The Sokolov Chemical Plant in Sokolovo (Falkenau) produces formic acid, carbides, silicon carbide, artificial fertilizers, industrial gas, borax, hydrogen peroxide and potassium chlorate. Sulphuric acid, ammonium sulphate and ammonia used in this production are delivered from Usti nad Labem; electrodes are supplied by Canada, Poland and France.
2. The chief of the machine shops is Novak, a nominal Communist; chief of the power plant is Ing. Janda, a nominal Communist; chief of the boiler house is Ing. Spanek, a non-Communist. Some of the production sections are as follows:
  - a. Carbide section Contains four large and two small furnaces. The large furnaces are each capable of producing about 9,600 kg of carbide per shift; each small furnace can produce about 3,200 kg per shift. Section chief is Ing. Filippi, a Russian and a very active Communist.
  - b. Silicon carbide section The furnaces in this section have a capacity of about 1,500 kg each. Section chief is Brozovsky, a nominal Communist.
  - c. Ferro-chrome section Small amounts of ferro-chrome produced experimentally have been delivered to steel plants for testing.
  - d. Artificial fertilizer section Production capacity is about 1,500 kg of nitrogenous calcium per day in two shifts.
  - e. Industrial gas (oxygen) section About 300 bottles per day are produced.
  - f. Borax section About 1,200 kg of borax are produced per day. Section chief is Ing. Tomeš; foreman is Puncchar.
  - g. Hydrogen peroxide section About 1,150 kg are produced per day. Section foreman is Josef Dalik.

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h. Potassium chlorate section

About 1,000 kg are produced per day.  
Section chief is Sulcek, a Communist.

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